

probably be taken up and a 20-round affair arranged for a clear claim to the title.

Col. Jake Ruppert and Capt. Til. Huston, when they purchased the Yankees, wanted considerable help from the other teams to make their club a winner. They didn't get much and they didn't and don't deserve any more.

The New York owners had the same chance presented to President Comiskey of the White Sox to purchase Eddie Collins from the Mackmen. They couldn't see an expenditure of \$50,000 and lost a golden opportunity, which the Old Roman immediately improved.

Now the news leaks out that Ruppert offered Connie Mack \$25,000 for Frank Baker. Mack held out for \$50,000 and Ruppert turned a deaf ear. Col. Jake has the brewery idea of working from one side of the bar only.

The Cub roll was about complete today and Bresnahan sent the men through another hot grind. The athletes were willing to work, as the weather was just a little chilly. The late arrivals picked up the work even with the men who arrived in camp Sunday night, but there were no ill effects.

Bresnahan is working along with his men at the conditioning process and heads every dash around the track after practice. Roger is going to be in shape to catch the bulk of the games this season if it becomes necessary.

So far there is no way of securing a line on the new material. For the next few days no effort will be made to determine a lineup. Condition is the big thing now, and teamwork can come later. The Cubs this spring have the advantage of remaining in the place for nearly a month, and they will not be put on the hummer by a hippodrome trip through the exhibition game cities of the south when the weather is not fit for baseball.

Third base is receiving considerable attention from Manager Clarence Rowland of the White Sox. The pilot believes that every other position in his inner line will be capably defended, so he has the third base candidates working under his personal observation.

Bromwich, the toppy looking minor, is already a favorite with the boss, who has watched his development, both having been in the same circuit. Bromwich hung up a sterling record of achievements out in the bush.

Breton and Baker also are fighting for the job. The former has the advantage of two years in the big show but he must show some batting strength in order to land the job. His fielding is corking. Berger and Blackburne cannot be left out when the difficult corner is being considered.

Blackburne might make a swell third sacker. The left side of the infield is his home, which is one reason he failed to do himself justice at the keystone. Batting ability is going to decide the winner of the contest and the man with the best sticking average will be the regular third baseman.

In a short game the seconds beat the firsts, Scroggins, Jasper, Johnson and Cicotte all doing some good pitching. Scroggins is looming up as another Rebel Russell.

Chicago and Newark clubs of the Federal league will assemble here Saturday for departure to the training camps. The whales go to Shreveport, La., and Newark to Marshall, Tex., a short distance further west. The getaway will be at 8:15 from the I. C. station.

Federal league magnates this season are arranging their training camps with a view to having at least two clubs close to each other, so slight practice can be provided in regular games if desired.

Freddie Gilmore outclassed Jim Cassidy in a private bout, Referee Coulon stopping the affair in the third